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CASE HA0734

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1624

AHMAD ET AL.

Examiner: H. Liu

APPLICATION NO: 09/669,298 FILED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

FOR: HETEROCYCLIC SODIUM/PROTON EXCHANGE INHIBITORS AND METHOD

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

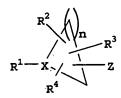
Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed March 7, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application to read as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 14, 19, 21, 22, 24, 64 and 71 as follows.

--1. (Twice Amended) A compound having the structure



wherein n is 4;

X is N;

Z is a heteroaryl group;